

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) A clip including

a body,

a first opening within the body and a first slot extending between said first opening and an edge of the body,

a second opening within the body and a second slot extending between the second opening and an edge of the body which is opposite to that from which the first slot extends,

said first and second slots each being of doglegged form and which extends from a widened mouth at the edge of the body,

said clip being symmetrical about a central longitudinal axis, wherein,

each mouth is separate from said ~~legged~~ doglegged form, ~~and~~

each of said first opening and said second opening is wider in cross-section than a cross-sectional width of the corresponding first slot and the corresponding second slot,

the first doglegged slot has a first portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body and a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the first opening, and

the first portion of the first doglegged slot extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

30. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein each opening is circular in shape.

31. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 30 wherein the diameter of one of said first and second openings is greater than the diameter of the other of said first and second openings.

32-35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim [[35]] 29, wherein the second portion of the first doglegged slot extends diametrically relative to the first opening.

37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A clip ~~as claimed in claim 37~~
including

a body,

a first opening within the body and a first slot
extending between said first opening and an edge of the body,

a second opening within the body and a second slot
extending between the second opening and an edge of the body
which is opposite to that from which the first slot extends,

said first and second slots each being of doglegged
form and which extends from a widened mouth at the edge of the
body,

said clip being symmetrical about a central
longitudinal axis, wherein,

each mouth is separate from said doglegged form,

each of said first opening and said second opening is
wider in cross-section than a cross-sectional width of the
corresponding first slot and the corresponding second slot,
wherein,

the first and second doglegged slots each has a first
portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body, the
first slot further has a second portion which inclines away from
the first portion and extends to the first opening within the
body and the second slot further has a second portion which
inclines away from the first portion and extends to the second
opening within the body, and

the first portion of each of the first and second slots
extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

39. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 38 wherein the second portion of the first slot extends diametrically from the first opening and the second portion of the second slot extends diametrically from the second opening.

40. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim [[34]] 29, wherein a peripheral edge of the body and the edges of the first and second slots and first and second openings include a wall which projects from opposite flat sides of the body.